





## **Dear Community Partner,**

Thank you for being an important advocate for our community. Please enjoy the January edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update which is filled with the latest information about exciting happenings here in Janesville!

**Downtown:** Projects continue through the cold months in Janesville's award-winning downtown.

- 13 N. Main Street: Despite a complicated demolition, this project is expected to be completed by the end of January depending on weather.
- East Side Town Square: With recent City Council approval, river wall repairs on the east side of the Town Square, from the Milwaukee Street Bridge to the Court Street Bridge, are the next step in preparation for construction.
- Milwaukee Street Bridge: The contractor has resumed work on the south side of the bridge. Falsework will be removed from below the bridge, and the eastbound lane will be closed later this month to accommodate the work. This State project is anticipated to be completed by the end of April 2020.
- **Pedestrian Bridge:** The contractor will remove the cofferdams and temporary pier boxes in the river. The bridge's deck will be poured in the spring. The City anticipates the bridge to be completed by June 2020.

**City Hall Blood Drive:** Join the American Red Cross and City staff on Friday, February 21 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for our semiannual blood drive. The U.S. is experiencing a blood shortage and needs all types. Donating blood makes a big difference in the lives of others. Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment at **www.redcrossblood.org** and use sponsor code **CITYHALL**.

River Flats Apartments: The Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit for River Flats Apartments. The City Council will review a tax increment financing (TIF) development agreement for the project and a certified survey map (CSM) of the development site at an upcoming Council meeting. The CDA approved the use of CDBG and HOME funding for the project in November. This project will bring 92 new apartment units to the downtown.

Committee/Commission/Board Applications Available: One of the most effective ways to influence City policies and activities is to serve on a City committee! Individuals can now apply for citizen board, commission, and committee vacancies that will occur in 2020. Staff begins actively recruiting for vacancies in early-February. Online information and applications are available. The deadline to apply to be considered for the annual May appointments is Sunday, March 8.

Monterey Area River Restoration (MARR): This month the contractor, Bjoin Limestone, plans to start construction of the river embankment that will separate the river from the Monterey Bay. This work will be completed by the end of February. This will allow the work in the bay to occur if the river level rises. Work in the bay is planned for March/April as the specialized equipment cannot be used in freezing conditions.

**Snow Emergency Information**: Be prepared for snow this season! There are several ways to stay connected to the City of Janesville in case of a snow emergency. Sign up to receive emails if a snow emergency is declared: **www.ci.janesville.wi.us/emaillists**. In the event of winter weather, call (608) 755-SNOW (7669) for updated information or visit the City's website: **www.ci.janesville.wi.us/snow**.

If you have any questions about these topics, please contact Molly Nolte, Management Information Specialist: noltem@ci.janesville.wi.us or (608) 755-3094







You're invited to the 6th annual State of the City!

There will be informational booths and a presentation by the City Manager. All are welcome!

